

Executive Proclamation State of South Dakota Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Leslie Gugle, son of Henry and Maggie Gugle, was born at Longlake, South Dakota, raised in Aberdeen, South Dakota, and knows the beauty and worth of the fine arts of music; and,

WHEREAS, Les started playing the accordian at the age of nine, using his mother's kitchen as a music room. He soon learned to play the Too Fat Polka on the accordian his parents bought for him at the Taylor Music Store; and,

WHEREAS, Les appeared in area talent shows and amateur contests. During his high school years, he played with various groups and bands around the Aberdeen area, including Norms Combo--his brother Roger played saxaphone and sister Inez played piano in a family trio, and this family trio broadcasted over K.A.B.R.; and,

WHEREAS, After graduation from Central High School in 1955, he took to the road where he took on a professional name as Barney Gugle, and has played for the Huffman House Corp., in Illinois and Wisconsin, and has recorded three albums; and,

WHEREAS, Les has played many cities such as Tucson, Arizona, The Gold Nugget at Jamestown, North Dakota, and clubs in Minot and Bismarck, North Dakota, then on to Rochester, Minnesota, and Rockford, Illinois. He also played in Anchorage, Alaska, and Seattle and Wenatchee, Washington. He returned to Aberdeen to visit his parents and friends several times, always bringing along his by now famous custom-built Hammond organ and a drummer, playing clubs in the Aberdeen area while visiting his greatest fans, Henry and Maggie Gugle; and,

WHEREAS, He appeared with Lawrence Welk in 1950 and with Roy Rogers at the civic arena. He also appeared with Whoopie John, Leroy Van Dyke of the Grand Ole Opry, and Frankie Yankovic; and,

WHEREAS, He has been booked into night clubs and resorts across the country and Alaska. While entertaining in these areas, he performed for people such as New York Yankees Mickey Mantle, Greg Nettles, Sponsy Lyle, and interviewed with Secretary of the United States Wally Hickel; and,

WHEREAS, While appearing in Miami, Florida, Les and his drummer were awarded as the best new duo in that area by the Ft. Lauderdale Miami Herald; and,

WHEREAS, As a comedian-organist, he also received write-ups in show magazines such as Billboard, Showtime, and Keyboard Illustrated and, for three years, he owned the first disco in Rockford, Illinois; and,

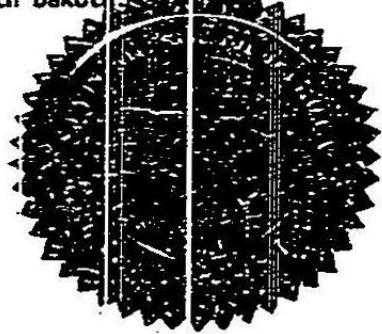
WHEREAS, Leslie (Barney) Gugle plays all styles of music, from rock to dance to Polkas to quiet listening. Les' agility at keyboard and comical banter with the audience made him a favorite entertainer in night clubs and resorts; and,

WHEREAS, For all the years spent sharing his special gifts and talents with thousands of people throughout the continental United States and Alaska, it's no wonder the Dakota Musicians Association has chosen Leslie (Barney) Gugle as their special guest of honor for their 11th Hall of Fame event and, at this time, rewards him for all his lifetime achievements of the arts by inducting Leslie (Barney) Gugle into the Dakota Musicians Hall of Fame:

OW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. HICKELSON, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do
hereby proclaim April 19, 1990, as

LESLIE (BARNEY) SISLE DAY

In South Dakota,



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
hand and caused to be affixed the Great
Seal of the State of South Dakota, in
Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh
Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord,
Nineteen Hundred and Ninety.

GEORGE S. HICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE